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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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02/12/2011: Martin G3ZAY, Michael G7VJR, Joe JA1LZR, Harumi JF1PJK and Yutaka JQ2GYU will be active as GJ6UW from the isle of Jersey (IOTA EU-013, WLOTA 0818) from 2-7 December, 2011. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on all bands, with an emphasis on 160 and 80m for Asia and Japan when propagation is available. The station will include a JA-facing beverage, an 80m vertical array and a 4-square for 40m. On other HF bands, they hope to use the Jersey club station. QSL via M0BLF, direct or bureau. All logs will be on Club Log and posted to LoTW during the expedition. [425 DX News]

02/12/2011: Yoshi JJ8DEN plans to be active, sea conditions permitting, as JJ8DEN/1 from Miyake Island (AS-008, WLOTA 0467) from 1-5 December 2011. QRV on 40-6 metre CW, RTTY and PSK. Possibility of 80/160m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

02/12/2011: Francis, KD0MUM, is now based at Palmer Station (AA K-10, WAP USA-23), Gamage Point, Anvers island (AN-012), Palmer Archipelago, until April 2012. Having obtained his license at the South Pole (KC4AAA) station last year, Francis plans to show up from KC4AAC when work permits. Look for him on 20m. QSL via K1IED, direct only. [dx-world.net]

02/12/2011: Ewald, DJ2BQ, will be active from Namibia as V5/homecall between 2 December 2011 and 16 January 2012. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: www.QRZ.com/db/dj2bq [NG3K]

03/12/2011: Yuri, N3QQ, plans to be active as BW/N3QQ from Kinmen (Quemoy) Island (AS-102), Kinmen County of Fujian Province, R.O.C., from 3-6 December, 2011 QRV on 40-10m CW and SSB. QSL via N7RO. [dx-world.net]

03/12/2011: Patrick, F8DYD, will be homecall/p on 3 December 2011 from the Castle of La Roche Marteau (DFCF 86-089), located in the commune of Roiffe (CP 86120), Department Vienne/86 and Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

03/12/2011: Flemming, OZ5FM/p and Jakob, OZ7AEI/p will be active from 2 Flora & Fauna references on 3 December 2011. Around 8:00 UTC they will start from OZFF-013 / Gravlevdalen. Around 13:00 UTC We will start from OZFF-015 / Madum S? (They will keep the 5 hour rule). Plans are to use 2 stations - you can find them on 20m and 40m (perhaps also 15m and 10m), SSB only. QSL bia home calls. [OZ7AEI]

03/12/2011: A group of QRP enthusiasts will be active as ZV2LOW from Ilha Montao de Trigo (IOTA SA-071, DIB SP-14) on the 3rd and 4th of December 2011. The station will be using the usual QRP frequencies CW/SSB on 20 to 10 metres. A card will be automatically sent via the bureau to all stations contacted. For a direct reply send your QSL via PY2ZA (QRZ.com). [PT7WA]

04/12/2011: Mark, AA1AC will be active on 80-10 metres as 6W/AA1AC from Le Calao, Senegal on 4-11 December, 2011. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425

DX News]

04/12/2011: The "Buddies in the Caribbean" DXpedition group which specializes in 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems is back again to St. Lucia (IOTA NA-108, WLOTA 1336) on 4-12 December, 2011. The eight operators are: Budd W3FF (J68FF), Guy N7UN (J68UN), David WD9CMD (J6/WD9CMD), Joe N7BF (J6/N7BF), Steve WF2S (J6/WF2S), Tom K9CJM (J6/K9CJM), Bill AA4OC (J6/AA40C), and Barclay WU1B (J6/WU1B). There will be 3 villa stations in operation on 160-10m using CW, SSB, and RTTY or PSK. At the same time, several teams will be battery-only, field portable either from St. Lucia beaches or scenic mountain tops. They group will participate in the ARRL 10m contest (10-11 December) using the callsign J68UN (QSL via N7UN). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to the operator's home callsign (SASE required). For more details, see the following web site: suitcasedxpeditions.com/ [N7UN]

05/12/2011: E4/HB9IQB, Palestine DXpedition December 2011 - License has been granted by the Ministry of Telecommunications & Technology, Ramallah, for 160-10m, CW, SSB, DATA, signed by the Deputy Minister. Look for Peri, HB9IQB, to be active as E44PM from the 16th of December 2011, for a couple of weeks. He will probably concentrate on CW and the WARC bands, depending on W6/7 and JA openings. Low band not planned. The rig is an Elecraft K2/100 ATU powered by an Alinco PS DM-330; Scheunemann paddle, Heil Pro Set 4, Microham periphery, Notebook. Peri will be using DX Wire masts and wires for vertical dipoles and verticals. QSL via HB9IQB, direct or bureau. The log will be uploaded onto LoTW one month after Peri goes QRT. Website: www.hb9iqb.ch/palestine.html [dx-world.net]

07/12/2011: Ark, UA4CC will operate holiday-style from Palau (OC-009) as T8CC from 7-16 December, 2011. This is NOT a DX-pedition; family vacation only. He will try to be active on 160-10m, perhaps 6m too - CW, SSB, RTTY. QSL via UA4CC bureau or direct (2USD or 1 new style IRC + SAE). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW as soon as possible. [dx-world.net]

08/12/2011: Bill, N2WB, will be active from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8-13 December 2011 as ET3/N2WB. He will be active on all HF bands. QSL via N2OO.

08/12/2011: Krassy K1LZ, David K3LP, Al K3VN and Curt K7CU will be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8-13 December, 2011, operating from the ET3AA club station. "Operating goals: Krassy Petkov (K1LZ) to operate 80 and 40 metres, and David Collingham (K3LP) to operate 160 and 30 metres to give out QSOs during the evening to early morning hours (7:00 PM to 7:00 AM). In addition, Al Hernandez (K3VN) and Curt Wilbur (K7CU) will operate during day/early morning hours on all other bands using SSB." QSL ET3AA and ET3SID via N2OO (only for this operation). Full details, including training sessions for university students and antenna installation, can be found on K3LP's website at: www.k3lp.com/et3aa_december_2011.htm [dx-world.net]

09/12/2011: Antoine, 3D2AG, will be in Rotuma (OC-060, Grid Loc. RH87) for Christmas with his family and will try a small "green" radio activity as 3D2AG/p between 9 December 2011 and 9 January 2012. A small ecological barefoot activity on all bands (80m to 6m) except 160m, sponsored by the French company TOTAL within the framework of the sustainable development of the insular communities of the Pacific (supply of the batteries, the 3 solar panels of 50 Watts and QSLs). The station used will be 100W all modes (SSB/CW) with ICOM 706, FT-757GX and Kenwood TS-440S + an antenna Spiderbeam 5 bands and an Yagi aerial 5 elements for the 6m and doublets for the 40/60/80 metres. This station will be fed only by batteries and solar panels. A chart QSL special printed on paper recycled to confirm the contacts carried out. QSL via home call, direct only

(QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

09/12/2011: Dan, K6IF, will be active as V25R from Gunthorpes, Saint George Parish, island of Antigua (IOTA NA-100, WLOTA 1118, WW Loc. FK97BC) from 9-11 December, 2011. Plans are to operate in the ARRL 10 meter contest, SSB only, plus minor operations on other bands. QSL via K6IF. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

19/12/2011: Arnauld, F4FOO, will be active from Sokode, Republic of Togo, as 5V7MA between 19 December, 2011 and 4 January, 2012, during his free time. QRV on 20m to 10m, SSB only. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [dx-world.net]

23/12/2011: John, VK6HZ will be active as VK6ARI from Rottnest Island (OC-164, WLOTA 2197) from 23-30 December, 2011. Look for activity on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW. [dx-world.net]

24/12/2011: Makoto, JI5RPT, will be active as JD1BLY from Chichi-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG 10007, Grid Loc. QL17), Ogasawara, on 80m to 6m + Satellite CW/SSB/DIGI (NO 6m EME) from 24 December 2011 to 2 January 2012. QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. Online logsearch will be available at: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ [NG3K]

30/12/2011: Eugene, RA0FF, will be active from the West Plaza by the Sea Hotel, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (IOTA OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FI), as T88OW between 30 December, 2011 and 8 January, 2012. QRV on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

07/01/2012: Buchi, JO3FRH and Masa, JE4SMQ will be signing KH0UY and KH0K, respectively, from the island of Saipan (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UF), Northern Mariana Islands from 7-10 January 2012. QRV on 80-6m, plus the satellites. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

27/01/2012: Tino, VK3EGN, plans to be active in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (27-29 January) from Ocean Grove beach, VIC, Australia (OC-001, WLOTA 1520), as a Single-Op entry, using a 3el vertical HW beam (kite lifted). QSL via the VK bureau. [NG3K]

27/02/2012: Guenter, DL2AYK, will be active as V31YK from Placencia, Belize (WW Loc. EK56TM), between 27 February and 11 March, 2012. This will include a Single-Op entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March). He will be QRV on 80-10 metres, maybe 6m, using CW/SSB/RTTY and possibly some PSK31. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/02/2012: Look for Masayoshi, AE6YW/JI1DSO to be active as AH0/AE6YW from the island of Saipan (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UF), Northern Mariana Islands betweeen 29 February and 6 March, 2012. QRV on 80-6m, plus the satellites. QSL via JI1DSO, direct or bureau.

03/03/2012: Jeff, N6GQ, will be active from Grenada, Nicaragua (WW Loc. EK71AU), as YN2AA during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for Jeff to be active before and after the contest on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

ISWL Callsign information for December 2011:
The International Short Wave League's 65th anniversary celebrations are now in their final month, so look out for GB65ISWL being QRV throughout the month from

various locations.

Also - Fred, PA0FAW, will be running " PG65ISWL " to end the ISWL's 65th Anniversary festivities. PG65ISWL will run from 1-28 December 2011. Mainly CW and PSK with some SSB. There is the possibly of activity from the De Hoge Veluwe National Park, Gelderland (WFF PAFF-005). QSL is ok by the usual methods. (not via LoTW), and SWL reports are very welcome. QRZ.com will carry all the details.

Additionally, the ISWL Club Callsigns in use during December 2011 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated /A from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager) (/A WAB Square = TM22 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).
MX1SWL /A & MX1SWL /P - Operated /A from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, by Geof - M0BAU. (/A WAB Square = SJ37 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).
Geof will give his /P locations during his QSO's.

The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.

All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.

I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.

Very best wishes to all, for a peaceful December. [G-13038]

02/12/2011: The Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) TP2CE will be active 2nd to 4th December 2011 as TP50CE to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the European Social Charter. Expect activity on all bands and modes. QSL via F5LGF. Further information about this special callsign, online logs and awards can be found at: ewwa.free.fr/ [F6FQK]

02/12/2011: Special event station SX100A will be active on 2-4 December 2011 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Greek warship "Georgios Averof". The operation will take place from the ship's radio room. QSL via the bureau. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

02/12-07/12 GJ6UW: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0BLF (d/b)
02/12-04/12 VP2MWG: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL N0AT (d/b)
02/12-04/12 VP5CW: Caicos Island WLOTA:1476 QSL W5CW (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/AA40C: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/K9CJM: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/N7BF: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/WD9CMD: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/WF2S: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J6/WU1B: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d)
04/12-12/12 J68FF: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL W3FF (d)
04/12-12/12 J68UN: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL N7UN (d)
05/12-1/3/12 VQ9JC Diego Garcia Island WLOTA:1645 QSL ND9M (d/b)
09/12-11/12 V25R: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL K6IF (d)
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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

KM1C - Bill - Friday 2 Dec 2011 to Friday 2 Dec 2011 - SSB and CW
North Carolina: Beaufort, Hyde, Dare, possibly Tyrrell. CW & SSB 40 thru 10

meters. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

N4XML - Bob - 1* - Dec 5th to Dec 5th - SSB Only
On the Road Again....I will be going through the following counties on my trip to Brevard, FL. I will be pulling my travel trailer and not able to venture off planned trip and will not be making any stops or county lines.
South Carolina: Georgetown, Williamsburg, Clarendon, Orangeburg, Dorchester, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper. Georgia: Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, Liberty, Bryan and Chatam. Florida: Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia and Brevard. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

W4SIG - Kerry - 1* - Dec 5, 2011 to Dec 5, 2011 - SSB and CW
Trip thru northeast Mississippi and northwest Alabama.
Day trip trough northeast Mississippi and northwest Alabama. Will start very early as have to be back home for dinner/kids/and the Guns N Roses Concert! Will run CW and SSB(when I have time). Will run 80 before sunrise, then go to rotation of 40/30/20/17/etc.
MS: Marshall, Benton, Union, Pontotoc, Lee and Itawamba. AL: Marion, Lamar, Fayette, Walker, Winston, Franklin, Lawrence, Colbert and Lauderdale. MS: Tishomingo, Alcorn, Tippah, Benton and Marshall. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]
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6 METRES & UP -

- Meteorscatter Propagations in December 2011 -
December is, as usual, characterized by the return of one of the most active (and probably the most reliable) major annual showers: the Geminids. Geminids maximum is expected to occur on December 14th, 17h30m UT, with ZHR = 120 hr-1 at peak. The Geminids peak is typically quite broad (thus ensuring a several-days-long period of good MS activity) , although the rates sometimes decay fairly quickly after the maximum. Have a look to Geminids predictions and tips, as well as those for other minor showers in December 2011 and an overview of 2011 Leonids at: www.mmmonvhf.de/ms.php [MMMonVHF]

- ARRL EME Contest Dates for 2012 and 2013 -
Dear EME Friends, Now that the 2011 ARRL International EME Competition is history, we'd like to call your attention to the fact that dates for the 2012 contest have been posted on the ARRL web site: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar Scroll down and click on "2012 Contest Calendar", then scroll down to October, November, December. ... [MMMonVHF]

01/12-05/12 JJ8DEN/1: Miyake Island AS-008 Grid:PM94 6m QSL HC (d/b)
04/12 RSGB 144MHz AFS Contest 0900z-1700z
05/12-1/3/12 VQ9JC: Diego Garcia AF-006 Grid:MI62 6m+LEO Sats QSL ND9M (d/b)
06/12-12/12 International 70cm MS Contest 06 0000z-12 2359z
06/12 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
06/12 NRAU 144 MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
06/12 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
07/12 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
07/12-16/12 T8CC: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77FI 6m 100W 5el yagi QSL UA4CC (d/b)
08/12 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
08/12 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2200z
09/12-9/1/12 3D2AG/p: Rotuma OC-060 Grid:RH87 6m 100W 5el yagi QSL HC (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 01 December, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:
5X1VJ - Uganda 2011 Operation
Special thanks to John Sharp, K2SHA for his help in acquiring this supporting documentation!
73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

Buzz, NI5*_DX_*, has assumed the duties of QSL manager for A71CV, Abdulla, whose previous manager (A71AN) is now a SK. Abdulla will soon send Buzz his logs and the two will work on the design of a new QSL card. Once the design is complete it will be sent to UX5UO for printing. This process could take as long as 6-8 weeks, so no cards should be expected from NI5*_DX_*until the cards are received from the printer. [K1XN]

QSLs for recent MM0RAI/p activation are out. [VE3EXY]

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 5R8NL (PA7FM), 9A2YM (QRZ.com), 9Q5?ON (ON4BR), A52PP (W8AEF), AH?J (JA1NVF), EK6LP (QRZ.com), EK6TA (DJ?MCZ), ES5QD (ES1QD), FM5BH (W3HNK), FP/G3ZAY (H/c), GD4IHC (QRZ.com), GW3LEW (QRZ.com), IJ7A [EU-073] (IK7IMO), OD5NJ (EA5BYP), PJ5/SP6IXF (H/c), RI1ANC (RN1ON), RN3GL (QRZ.com), SV2ASP/A (QRZ.com), TM5SM [EU-081] (F5RJM), VK?KEV (JE1LET), VP2MSC (K9SC), VP2MVX (K9SC), XV2RZ (OH4MDY) and ZD7VC (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: CE2/VE7SV, CO8TW, D6?VB, DP6T, FY5KE, HC2A, HK1N, IK7JWY, IR4X, KH6LC, KH7X, KL7RA, KL8DX, NP2KW, PW7T, SM2EKM, SQ5M, VA7ST, VE3RZ, VE7AX, VE8EV, VK9CW, VQ5X, VY2ZM, WL7E, YB1ALL and YL2PP.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

International Police Association
Hungarian IPARC
Newsletter

Dear friend,

HA-IPARC Jubilee Award for the 2012th may be requested until January 15. Award criteria are consistent with HA-IPARC. Thereafter, only the old apply degrees. HG15IPA station is going to work until December 31.
SU/HA3JB completed the expedition. The QSL cards are available.

QSL only direct with SASE.
Best regards!
Gab (HA3JB)
HA-IPARC Award manager
http://www.ha3jb.com
ha3jb[@]t-email.hu

VA/VE - CANADA - SPECIAL PREFIXES -
To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of CBC Radio Canada from 1st of December to 31st of December 2011, Canadian Amateurs may use the following prefix: VG for VA; VX for VE; XJ for VO; and XK for VY. QSL via the operators' instructions. [RAC]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.
www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WFF program for Canada.
www.wff44.org/program/wff/
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